



#### Allen's eNewsletter

Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans. Hope your week has been well. I stated in my previous newsletter that I had run my last half-marathon of the season. Well, I found out this past week that will not be the case. We will have ONE last half-marathon in St. Lucie County on Saturday, March 10th. And you can bet it is going to be a warm one! This morning I ran a 10k on the FAU campus, but more on that later.

Needless to say, this week the biggest issue on everyone's mind has to be the rising gas prices, which are the highest prices ever for a February. As I sit here writing this update the average price across America has hit \$3.67 a gallon.

This week, President Obama chose Florida to give an address on "American energy" in Miami. In actual fact, he had a series of fundraisers here so he had to come up with a reason to justify spending all that pet fuel for Air Force One. The interesting statistic is that since the President's inauguration day in 2009, gas prices have increased by 83 percent, up from \$1.84 a gallon. But we were told this week that the President has nothing to do with it.

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